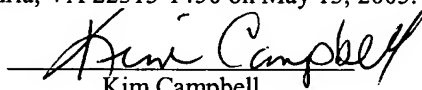


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Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fee for and examination of the enclosed patent application, kindly amend the same as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin at page 9 of this Preliminary Amendment.